

April 18, 2023

The Honorable Suzan DelBene
2330 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Jeff Duncan
2229 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representatives DelBene and Duncan:

Thank you for introducing the Chronic Care Management Improvement Act of 2023. BPC Action believes that this bipartisan legislation is an important step forward in the effort to improve the coordination of care for Medicare beneficiaries with multiple chronic conditions. This bill would eliminate the cost-sharing requirements for chronic care management (CCM) services, the critical services provided behind the scenes to ensure that providers are able to appropriately coordinate care for these patients.

We are pleased that the Chronic Care Management Improvement Act is aligned with the recommendation in the Bipartisan Policy Center's March 2022 report, [An Updated Policy Roadmap: Care for Those With Complex Needs](#). This report includes significant recommendations to improve access to services, improve quality, and lower the cost of care for those with complex care needs, including those with chronic conditions. CCM services are an important factor in achieving these goals, but they are often underutilized because the benefit covers provider-to-provider communications outside the office visit and are not obvious to the beneficiary. Eliminating the cost-sharing requirements for CCM services eliminates this barrier and will increase the use of these important services.

BPC Action applauds Representatives DelBene and Duncan for their commitment to improving the coordination of care for seniors with multiple chronic conditions and urges Congress to pass the Chronic Care Management Improvement Act.

Sincerely,

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Director